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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to false or misleading diplomas, with penalty provisions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 173.754, to read as follows:

**173.754. 1. It is unlawful for a person to knowingly use or  
2 attempt to use, in connection with admission to any institution of  
3 higher education or in connection with any business, employment,  
4 occupation, profession, trade, or public office:**

5       **(1) A false or misleading degree from any institution of higher  
6 education, regardless of whether that institution is located in Missouri  
7 and regardless of whether the institution has been issued a certificate  
8 of approval or temporary certificate of approval by the board; or**

9       **(2) A degree from any institution of higher education in a false  
10 or misleading manner, regardless of whether that institution is located  
11 in Missouri and regardless of whether the institution has been issued  
12 a certificate of approval or temporary certificate of approval by the  
13 board.**

14       **2. For the purposes of this section, a degree is false or  
15 misleading or is used in a false or misleading manner if it:**

16       **(1) States or suggests that the person named in the degree has  
17 completed the requirements of an academic or professional program of  
18 study in a particular field of endeavor beyond the secondary school  
19 level and the person has not, in fact, completed the requirements of the  
20 program of study;**

21       **(2) Is offered as his or her own by a person other than the person**

22 who completed the requirements of the program of study; or

23 (3) Is awarded, bestowed, conferred, given, granted, conveyed,  
24 or sold in violation of this chapter.

25 3. The penalty for a violation of this section shall be a class C  
26 misdemeanor.

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